

There are Chicago people who suspicion that the young Carter Harrison might be induced to again accept public office.

The Monroe Doctrine is big enough for all, but it seems to be about as elastic or stretching, like the old woman's conscience.

St. Louis is truly getting ready for the World's Fair. A man was arrested there the other day for picking pockets at a funeral.

President Roosevelt must have been kept in squares a long time when he was young. As a straddler he seems to be a natural adept.

That crazy President Castro, as he is dubbed by many now, may prove a most worthy diplomat for the enemies who are trying to overthrow him.

The country editor who was invited to a "smoker" at one of the clubs in Memphis declined with thanks, but incidentally remarked that when they were ready to invite him to a "drinker" he would be on hand full life size.

There don't seem to be much difference in a "peaceful blockade" and in a regular warlike one. The British and German guns on board the ships off Puerto Uabello were pointed directly at the fort and demolished it just as they would if a real war had been on.

After all it is not a little humiliating for a civilized nation like our own to stand quietly by and watch the degenerate monarchs of Europe combine to oppress or annihilate a little republic like Venezuela. But it is all for the dollar now, and Uncle Sam will wait to see what is in it, as the typical American youth does, when he is asked to perform any kind of labor.

Sinking the ships of a little power just to make a demonstration, certainly shows what the big powers will do when they find an easy mark. If you have noticed, neither England nor Germany have sunk an American ship for many a day, though at many times they have had more cause for doing so than they had for their act in the South American waters the other day.

The news from Kansas City that beef is soon to be sold for five cents a pound less than it sold for a year ago, does not particularly interest the consumers of this section. The high price has ranged so long that the taste for beef has almost passed out of the average mouth, and people find they are as healthy and quite as happy on a diet of sweet potatoes and fat pork as if they had been eating high priced beef.

The Memphis News is advocating more schools and fewer pistols in Tennessee. This is certainly a righteous campaign and might well be carved beyond the limits of Tennessee. A gentleman in this city, who was once engaged in the sale of school books, sold out in that business and engaged in another line in which he carries pistols and all kinds of fire arms. And he tells us he sells more dollars worth of pistols annually now than he ever sold in school books. What do the people want of pistols?

It is to be hoped that the United States government will not silently permit the powers which are now striving for a foothold in South America to go to the extent that our interests there will be pushed aside, just because they would curry favor with the British, no matter in what alliance they might make. Germany has not been very friendly to us since Dewey pushed them out of the harbor at Manila, and if we give them an inch now they are very likely to take more. And with England co-operating with them, we might be forced to put up a stiff fight. The best way to win a difficult contest is to nip it in the bud.

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A Letter From a Yar Heel in Mississippi.

Mr. N. G. Thomas, who has been a sojourner in Okolona this season buying cotton, December 2nd wrote the following flattering letter description of this section to his home paper, the Messenger-Intelligencer, at Wadabero, North Carolina:

Okolona is a beautiful little city nearly the size of Monroe, N. C., on the Mobile & Ohio railroad, situated in the northeast prairie. The people of this city are fine in physique, great-hearted, and hospitable to a fault. As we write these lines our heart swells with gratitude for the kindly bearing to us by such noble spirits as Captain Stovall, Capt. Abbott and Messrs. Geo. W. Cole, of North Carolina extraction; C. M. Savage, E. F. McCarley, Joe Dunlap, Dr. Beatty and a host of others.

Almost every stream and place in this beautiful and fertile prairie retains its very euphonic Indian name; for instance: Okolona, quiet and peaceful; Tombigbee, or Ettoneckoke, wooded guns; Tallabonela, setting rock; Chewapa, red hog; Pontotoc, hanging grapes; Seeskooner, black water; Susquetonchre, corn and hog, etc.

Last Sunday we went to Egypt and were met at the depot there by our former countryman, Mr. Amos Richardson, with his carriage and beautiful matched bays, and he quickly sped us to his beautiful, large and palatial home in Guntown, which is just outside of the black-waxie prairie land, in a beautiful open country, which looks very much like that section of Cabarrus county where Charlie Burns' ancestors were raised. Mr. Richardson looks very much like his uncle, Major J. M. Wall, and, like his uncle, I don't believe a nobler spirit ever lived. We talked of Major Smith, Rev. Thos. W. Kendall, for whom he once clerked, and Dr. Kendall and his family. He showed me the pictures of Jim Marshall, J. M. Little, Major Smith, his brother and others. It was a great day with us and there was no limit to the royal way we were entertained by his grand old mother-in-law, his children, himself and Mrs. Day.

We have bought a fair share of the cotton on this market this season. We have had to learn to pull and measure long cotton, having never seen any staple cotton until we came here. I believe in a man being master of whatever business he undertakes and then compete openly and fair with his competitors. We always had a supreme contempt for a doctor who would put up a few bottles of tinctures, salts, etc., and call his establishment a drug store in order that he might run some two-horse jugs to a blockade distillery and sell mean whiskey for a living, and, worse still, make as a patriarch or call himself a Sunday school superintendent. Deliver me and mine from the medical care of all such.

We promised our friend Richardson to go to Ansonville and see his brother and friends when we got home next spring, and I expect to keep my promise. I always liked Dutch, Major Smith, Joe Hendley, Joe and Steve Gaddy, the Dunlaps, etc., and I know I'll have a nice visit and a good time.

UP-TO-DATE FABLES.

Tom McNeal in Topeka Mall and Breeze.

It was noticed that a certain man who was fond of limburger cheese was never sick. At one time there was a family of microbes in his system, but they moved out and located in a tall, pale college professor who lectured on the subject of hygiene and the proper care of the health. "Why do you come over here?" asked the head of another microbe family already located in the person of the professor. "It seems to me that the man over there is a mighty good subject to work on."

"It may seem that way to you," said the microbe who had moved, "but the fact is that that man's system is saturated with limburger. I don't want to seem finical about my diet, but even a microbe has to draw the line somewhere."

A lean hog that had been nearly starved all summer was turned into a corn lot in the fall and told to help himself. For two days that hog did nothing but eat, baring the few hours he put in sleeping. The third day he sort of lost interest in the corn, and the fourth day he was seen standing at one edge of the field with a disgusted look on his face, not offering to touch the corn that was within reach. Just then a hungry woods hog came by and seeing the hog in the field said: "Well, I wish I had your graft. You certainly do have the softest snap of any swine

I have ever seen in my travels."

"That was what I supposed four days ago," granted the swine in the cornfield, "but if I could get out of here right now I would go back and root for grub worms in the woods and be happy."

Moral: All conditions seem to have their drawbacks.

There was once a two by four politician who happened to be taken up by the gang and elevated to office. He had nothing when he went in, but in the course of a few years he was counted well fixed financially. And one day a stranger who happened in saw this politician and asked, "Who is that little whipper-snapper I see over there?"

"Whipper-snapper!" repeated the man to whom the stranger directed the inquiry, "why man that is one of the party leaders."

"Well, I declare," said the stranger in surprise, "I supposed that he was running a peanut stand on the street corner, and had strolled in here to warm."

Moral: You can't tell a great political leader these days by just looking at him.

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